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Docket No. 50265-0018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David C. Chapman

Serial No. 09/421,437

Filed: October 19, 1999



) Group Art Unit: 2768

) Examiner: A. Thompson

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For: APPROACH FOR ROUTING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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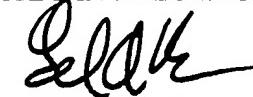
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2000, please amend the application referenced above as indicated hereinafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claim 34 and amend the claims as indicated hereinafter.

Although not all of the claims have been amended, all claims are reproduced for convenience.

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- 1 1. (AMENDED) A method for automatically routing an integrated circuit, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:  
2 receiving integrated circuit layout data that defines a set of two or more integrated  
3 circuit devices to be included in the integrated circuit;  
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